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1. The six light AA guns previously reported to be emplaced at the Magdeburg (M 53/Y 60) railroad bridge of the Berlin-Magdeburg line were observed again on 19 May 1950. The gun crews, formerly living in tents, now live in two wooden shelters built into the slope. Camouflage has been improved. *
2. About 60 half-track vehicles and eight 122-mm guns were observed in the yard of the barracks on Breitscheidstrasse on 19 May 1950. Troops were engaged in gun drill. **
3. No training activity was observed in the Encke Kaserne from 1 to 5 June 1950.

* Comment. The information was given by the same source in April 1950. Similar practice emplacements were also observed in other military posts of AAA units, such as Dresden and Potsdam.

* Comment. It is not definitely known whether this is the Herrenburg Kaserne or the Anger Kaserne. Both installations are believed to house artillery units.

** Comment. The Encke Kaserne houses the Hq Third Shock Army and army headquarters units.

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